Development of 500hp locomotives by BHEL

454. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BHEL Jhansi unit has developed a 500-hp thyristor control high technology locomotive without any technical collaboration;

(b) whether such locomotives have thus far been imported; if so, how many have been already imported and at what cost; and

(c) whether BHEL has also offered to produce 6,000hp high-tech-locomotives with certain collaboration; if so, what are the details of their offer; and whether the same was considered before placing the orders for such locomotives with ABB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The 5000 HP locomotive is under development in BHEL.

(b) and (c) Indian Railways imported 18 nos. of 6000 HP Thyristor Electric locomotives in 1988 details of which are as under:—

(i) 6 Nos. 6000 HP 25 KV AC Bo-Bo-Bo Type Thyristor locomotives from ASEA/Sweden for total FOB value of SEK 190,935,979 (including spares),

(ii) 12 Nos. 6000 HP 25KV AC— 6 Nos. Bo-Bo-Bo and 6 Nos. Co-Co Type Thyristor locomotives from Sumitmo-Japan for total FOB value of Yen 5,278,370,600 (including spares).

On another tender for import of 30 Nos. of 6000 HP electric locomotives with 3-phase technology, BHEL had submitted their offer with their Japanese associates M/S. Hitachi through M/s. Sumitmo Corporation, Japan. Ministry of Railways found BHEL-Hitachi offer to be higher than the lowest evaluated offer of M/s. ABB/Switzerland on whom the purchase has since been finalised.

Setting up of Ancillary industries on Japanese pattern

455. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:
DR. SANJAYA SINH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Awakening Movement of Freedom Fighters has recently urged upon the Government to organise a new sector of ancillary industries on the Japanese pattern;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Sale of interests of BHEL to multinational corporations

456. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newspaper report which appeared in the Times of India dated the 14th April, 1992 to the effect that the Centre is attempting to sell the interests of BHEL to multinational corporations;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for foreign equity participation in BHEL.

Identification of PSU (S) for signing MOU (S)

457. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified 120 public sector undertakings to sign Memoranda of understandings as a result of the announcement of the new Industrial Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details have been given in the statement.

Statement

List of PSUs identified for signing MOUs for 1992-93.

1. Air India
2. Andrew Yule & Co. Ltd.
3. Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.
4. Bharat Aluminium Co. Ltd.
5. Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd.
6. Bharat Dynamics Ltd.
7. Bharat Earth Movers Ltd.
8. Bharat Electronics Ltd.
9. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.
10. Bharat Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.
11. Bharat Yantra Nigam Ltd.
12. Bongaigaon Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd.
13. C.M.C. Ltd.
14. Cement Corpn. Ltd.
15. Central Cottage Industries Corpn. of India Ltd.
16. Central Electronics Ltd.
17. Central Inland Water Transport Corpn. Ltd.
18. Central Warehousing Corpn.
19. Coal India Ltd.
20. Cochin Refineries Ltd.
21. Container Corpn. of India Ltd.
22. Cotton Corpn. of India Ltd.
23. Delhi Transport Corpn.
24. Dredging Corpn. of India Ltd.
25. Educational Consultants (India) Ltd.
26. Electronics Corpn. of India Ltd.
27. Electronics Trade & Technology Dev. Corpn. Ltd.
28. Engineers India Ltd.

29. Export Credit Guarantee Corpn. of India Ltd.
30. Ferro Scrap Nigam Ltd.
31. Fertilizers & Chemicals (Travancore) Ltd.
32. Food Corpn. of India.
33. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd.
34. Gas Authority of India Ltd.
35. Goa Shipyard Ltd.
36. H.M.T. Ltd.
37. Handicrafts & Handlooms Exports Corpn. India Ltd.
38. Heavy Engineering Corpn. Ltd.
39. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.
40. Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.
41. Hindustan Cables Ltd.
42. Hindustan Copper Ltd.
43. Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.
44. Hindustan Latex Ltd.
45. Hindustan Newsprint Ltd.
46. Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.
47. Hindustan Paper Corpn. Ltd.
48. Hindustan Petroleum Corpn. Ltd.
49. Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing
50. Hindustan Teleprinters Ltd.
51. Hindustan Vegetable Oils Corpn. Ltd.
52. Hindustan Zinc Ltd.
53. Housing & Urban Dev. Corpn. Ltd.
54. I.B.P. Co. Ltd.
55. India Tourism Dev. Corpn. Ltd.
56. Indian Airlines
57. Indian Oil Corpn. Ltd.
58. Indian Petro-Chemicals Corpn. Ltd.
59. Indian Railway Constn. Co. Ltd.
60. Indian Rare Earths Ltd.
61. Indian Renewable Energy Devt. Agency Ltd.
62. Indian Telephone Industries Ltd.
63. Instrumentation Ltd.
64. International Airports Authority of India.
65. Kudremukh Iron Ore Co. Ltd.

66. Lubrizol India Ltd.
67. Madras Fertilizers Ltd.
68. Madras Refineries Ltd.
69. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd.
70. Manganese Ore (India) Ltd.
71. Maruti Udyog Ltd.
72. Mazagon Dock Ltd.
73. Metal Scrap Trade Corpn. Ltd.
74. Metallurgical & Engg. Consultants (India) Ltd.
75. Mineral Exploration Corpn. Ltd.
76. Minerals & Metals Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.
77. Mining & Allied Machinery Corpn. Ltd.
78. Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd.
79. Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd.
80. National Airports Authority.
81. National Aluminium Co. Ltd.
82. National Bldg. Constn. Corpn. Ltd.
83. National Fertilizers Ltd.
84. National Film Dev. Corpn. Ltd.
85. National Handlooms Dev. Corpn. Ltd.
86. National Hydro Electric Power Corpn. Ltd.
87. National Industrial Dev. Corpn. Ltd.
88. National Mineral Development Corpn. Ltd.
89. National Projects Constn. Corpn. Ltd.
90. National Research Dev. Corpn. of India Ltd.
91. National Small Industries Corpn. Ltd.
92. National Thermal Power Corpn. Ltd.
93. NEPA Ltd.
94. Neyveli Lignite Corpn. Ltd.
95. North Eastern Electric Power Corpn. Ltd.
96. North Eastern Regional Agri. Marketing Corpn. Ltd.
97. Nuclear Power Corpn. of India Ltd.
98. Oil & Natrual Gas Commission.
99. Oil India Ltd.
100. Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.
101. Power Finance Corporation.

102. Projects and Development India Ltd.

103. Projects & Equipment Corpn. Ltd.

104. Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd.

105. Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd.

106. Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd.

107. Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd.

108. Rural Electrification Corpn. Ltd.

109. Semi-Conductor Complex Ltd.

110. Shipping Corpn. of India Ltd.

111. Spices Trading Corpn. Ltd.

112. Sponge Iron India Ltd.

113. State Farms Corpn. of India Ltd.

114. State Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.

115. Steel Authority of India Ltd.

116. Telecommunications Consultants (India) Ltd.

117. Trade Fair Authority of India.

118. Uranium Corporation of India Ltd.

119. Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.

120. Water & Power Consultancy Services (India) Ltd.

Programme in Tai-Ahom Language on A.I.R.

458. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for introducing Programme for Tai-Ahom Language on the All India Radio Dibrugarh for the benefit of the Ahom people; and

(b) if so, by when the programme is likely to be aided by the Centre?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir. The communication needs of the listeners in upper Assam are adequately met by the broadcasts from Dibrugarh station of All India Radio.

(b) Does not arise.

News Telecast for the Deaf

459. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the system of method adopted in telecasting news to the deaf persons on Sundays between 1 PM and 1.30 P. M.;

(b) whether the deaf persons follow the substance of the telecast;

(c) the details of the facilities available in the country for training teachers in the above system and also for teaching the deaf to follow that system; and

(d) whether any studies have been made as to how many deaf persons or schools for the deaf are taking advantages of the Sunday News telecast?